



MINUTES
Of A
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2016

The City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, met in a Regular Session, April 14, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building. Mayor Andy Mack presided.

Members present were:

Members absent were:

Andy Mack
Ed Moore
Nona Snoddy
Kasha Williams
Kristen Ishihara
David Wright
Sidney Allen

Staff members present were:

David Willard, City Manager
Keith Bonds, Assistant City Manager
Shawn Hara, Media and Tourism Manager
Shelly Ballenger, City Secretary
Jim Finley, City Attorney
Michael Shirley, Director of Development Services
Rolin McPhee, Director of Public Works
Laura Hill, Director of Community Services
Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation
Angela Coen, Director of Financial Services
Mary Ann Miller, Director of Administration
J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief
Mike Bishop, Police Chief

I. Call to Order – Mayor Andy Mack called the meeting to order.

II. Invocation – Pastor Kevin Bright of Greggton First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Pastor Kevin Bright of Greggton First Baptist Church led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

Odette Alexander, 314 Ragsdale Street, Gladewater, Texas 75647: Spoke of Texas AKA (Alpha Kappa Alpha) Day. Wanted to commend the City and offers their support if in need.

John T. Smith IV., 101 Falcon Way, Longview, Texas, 75605: Announced Middleton Memorial Chess Open on May 7, 2016 for children and adults. It will be tournament style and procedures will be in place. The venue is in Gilmer, Texas at Moses Chapel in memorial of his grandfather Welton Middleton. I anyone is interested they are welcome to attend.

Maddie Johnson, 602 Cynthia, Longview, Texas 75605: Concerned with dip at intersection of Hawkins Parkway and Highway 259. Would like to know if this could be fixed?

V. Presentation Item

Presentation of a Proclamation commemorating Autism Awareness Day –

Mayor Andy Mack presented Anetra Ellison with a proclamation.

Mayor Mack: WHEREAS, Positive People with Positive Attitudes has requested that the Mayor, by proclamation, recognize April 16, 2016, as the Autism Awareness Day in the City of Longview; and

WHEREAS, the community is encouraged to join in the events on April 16 to help lead efforts to ensure that everyone has the right to live in conditions of opportunity, peace, dignity and mutual respect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Mack, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Longview, Texas do hereby proclaim April 16, 2016, as the Autism Awareness Day in Longview.

VI. Public Safety Update

A. Police

Chief Bishop presented a Crime Analysis for the week of March 1 – 31, 2016.

Total Calls: 11,024

Dispatched: 6,068

Officer Initiated: 4,956

Persons Arrested: 139

Felony Arrests: 13

Total Charges: 13

Misdemeanor Arrests: 135

Total Charges: 238

Federal Indictments: 17

Several charges were brought forward to conspiring to distribute methamphetamine and cocaine, firearms violations, and possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime.

Chief Mike Bishop: Announced that from June 6 – July 20, 2016 they will be hosting a Spanish Speaking Citizen's Police Academy from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If interested please contact Officer Gonzales at 903-720-6656.

Women's Safety Seminar will be held on April 18 – 23, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Registration deadline will be April 18, 2016. For more information call 903-808-3388 or go to LongviewTexas.gov/Police.

Fire

Chief J.P. Steelman: Announced the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center is now open in Kilgore by the City Hall downtown. They will be located in a large bus with the FEMA sign. If you believe your property was devastated by the recent storms you are encouraged to apply.

We are hosting our 18th Tank Car Safety Training Course this month. We are one of the only training facilities in this country with a school of this magnitude and we are very honored and fortunate to have so many people come from far and wide to receive training. This year we have over 55 students and several from Canada.

Wanted to thank Keep Longview Beautiful in the award they received for their adopted park they maintain for the Transfer Station for our buses at McGill Park.

Last but not least the Fire department celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Safety City which was held Wednesday, April 13th. He commended everyone that had donated their time and money to the cause.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Energy Cooperative –**

Jaye Latch, Purchasing Manager was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution. This item would allow the City of Longview to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Energy Cooperative which provides cooperative purchasing services for energy goods and services, such as transportation fuel. Purchases made through this program have been properly bid and satisfy State of Texas competitive purchasing laws.

The following Resolution was approved:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, APPROVING AND
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND
CITY SECRETARY TO ATTEST TO A COOPERATIVE**

PURCHASING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (TASB) ENERGY COOPERATIVE; CONDITIONING SAID AUTHORIZATION ON THE RECEIPT OF ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5047 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

B. Consider an Ordinance amending and adopting the Personnel Policy and Procedures Guide of the City of Longview –

Mary Ann Miller, Director of Administration was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution. The City of Longview Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, which contains employment guidelines for City employees, requires periodic revision to remain up-to-date with changing laws or City practices. To accomplish this, we created a cross-departmental team that met and comprehensively reviewed and discussed each policy. Many of the resulting changes were either clarifications of the policy's original intent or were necessary to come in line with Federal law, State law, the City Charter, and/or the City's current practices.

The following Ordinance was approved:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AMENDING AND ADOPTING THE PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES GUIDE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS CONDUCTED IN STRICT COMPLIANCE

**WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; AND
ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Such Ordinance No. 4046 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

C. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt and expenditure of grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) Grant Program –

Parker Harrison, Community Development Administrator was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution. The City of Longview, Community Development Division would like to apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help mitigate and reduce lead base paint problems. The notice of funds is titled Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) Program Grant. The maximum grant award will be in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. The application is due April 28, 2016.

The City of Longview, Community Development Divisions hoping to secure funds to enhance projects in our South Longview Neighborhoods (SLN). This is also the area that funds the work of the Community Development Block Grant Programs (CDBG).

Again, The Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) program helps units of local government create and implement programs to address lead-based paint hazards and make homes lead safe. Some of the general safety concerns the grant will help address will be: Maximize children under the age of six years protection from lead poisoning, target lead hazard control efforts in housing units where children are the greatest risk, children residing in low income families have higher levels of possible elevated blood lead levels. The grant also will promote cost effective lead hazard control methods, build local capacity to safely and effectively address lead issues during renovation and remodeling projects. The grant also encourages a comprehensive community-based approach to address lead hazards in housing and mobilizing various community sectors to be a part of the education process.

Currently, Community Development Block Grant funds help with some support, but funding from the Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration (LHRD) Grant would help in this endeavor dramatically for the safety and wellbeing of our citizens.

This is a competitive grant process, if awarded the time frame for the LHRD Grant is two years from the date of Grant Agreement execution.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION (LHRD) GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE TIMELY SUBMITTAL OF SAID APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCIDENT TO APPLYING FOR, SECURING AND EXPENDING SAID GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN CONNECTION WITH SAID GRANT FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR MATCHING FUNDS; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5048 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- D. Consider a Resolution to publish and post the availability of the draft Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Action Plan, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME budgets and supporting policy documents to begin the HUD mandatory 45 - day public comment period –**

Parker Harrison, Community Development Administrator was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution. Consider a Resolution to publish and post the availability of the draft of the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Consolidated Action Plan and Five Year Consolidated Plan documents, and proposed Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME budgets and supporting policy documents to begin the HUD mandatory 45-day public comment period.

The plan and budget will be returned to Council for a Public Hearing prior to approval in June, 2016. Backup documents will be available for public review in the Housing/Community Development Office during the 45 day public comment period.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE POSTING AND PUBLISHING OF THE FY2016 CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN, FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND BUDGETS INCLUDING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, AND TO BEGIN THE CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD AS REQUIRED; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5049 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- E. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt and expenditure of grant funds in the amount of \$1,338.60 from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (LEOSE) for the purpose of continuing education for law enforcement support personnel of the Longview Fire Department**

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J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution.

Consider a Resolution approving and authorizing the Fire Department to execute the required documents to receive grant funding in the amount of \$1,338.60 from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. This Law Enforcement Officer Standards and

Education (LEOSE) grant is for the continuing education for law enforcement personnel of the Longview Fire Department. This money will come at no cost to the City and with no matching funds required.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LONGVIEW TO APPLY, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDING FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION (LEOSE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,338.60; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN CONNECTION WITH SAID GRANTING; FINDING THAT NO MATCHING FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND EXPEND SAID FUNDS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5050 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- F. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt and expenditure of grant funds in the amount of \$11,141.33 from the Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (LEOSE) fund for the purpose of continuing education and training for law enforcement personnel of the Longview Police Department –**

Mike Bishop, Police Chief was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt, and expenditure of grant funding from the State of Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (LEOSE) fund in the amount of \$11,141.33 for the purpose of continuing education for law enforcement personnel.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LONGVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY, RECEIVE, AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDING FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION (LEOSE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,141.33; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN CONNECTION WITH SAID GRANT FUNDING; FINDING THAT NO MATCHING FUNDS WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND EXPEND SAID FUNDS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5051 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- G. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract to and authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents with East Texas Bridge, Inc. of Longview, Texas in the amount of \$5,873,801.85 for the Center Street Improvements -Downtown Project to –**

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$5,873,801.85 to East Texas Bridge, Inc., of Longview, Texas, for the construction of the referenced project. The following bids were opened on March 22nd, 2016:

Bidder	Amount
East Texas Bridge, Inc. Longview, Texas	\$5,873,801.85

Longview Bridge and Road, Ltd \$6,760,884.50
Longview, Texas

This project provides for the reconstruction of Center Street, a four lane concrete street, curb and gutter, drainage inlets and pipe, pavement markings and signs, sidewalk, and water and sewer improvements from Cotton to Whaley Street including High Street sewer line replacement and underpass improvements and traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Whaley and Fredonia Street. This project was approved in the 2011 Bond Election.

KSA Engineers has examined the low bid and the qualifications of the bidder, and recommends award of the contract to East Texas Bridge, Inc. Staff concurs with their recommendation.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE BID OF EAST TEXAS BRIDGE, INC., OF LONGVIEW TEXAS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "CENTER STREET IMPROVEMENTS - DOWNTOWN PROJECT"; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND EAST TEXAS BRIDGE, INC., FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROJECT; DETERMINING THAT THE CITY COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS IN ACCEPTING SAID BID; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5052 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- H. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract to and authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents with East Texas Bridge, Inc. of Longview, Texas in the amount of in the amount of \$614,482.00 for the 2015 Bridge and Culvert Improvements at Spring Hill Road at Grace Creek Project –**

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$614,482.00 and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents with East Texas Bridge, Inc., of Longview, TX, for the construction of the referenced project. The following proposals were opened on March 22, 2016:

Bidders	Bid Amount
East Texas Bridge Inc. Longview, TX	\$ 614,482.00
Longview Bridge and Road, Ltd Longview, TX	\$ 635,464.00
Pierce Construction, Inc Beckville, TX	\$ 686,861.00

The scope of work includes replacing bridge top slab, wing walls, retaining walls including drilled column supports and miscellaneous work as necessary to complete the installation.

KSA Engineer's has examined the bids and the qualifications of the low bidder, and it is recommended that the City award the contract to East Texas Bridge of Longview, TX in the amount of \$614,482.00. Staff concurs with the recommendation.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE BID OF EAST TEXAS BRIDGE, INC., OF LONGVIEW TEXAS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "2015 BRIDGE AND CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS AT SPRING HILL ROAD AT GRACE CREEK"; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND EAST TEXAS BRIDGE, INC., FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROJECT;

DETERMINING THAT THE CITY COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS IN ACCEPTING SAID BID; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5053 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- I. Consider a Resolution to intervene in Southwestern Electric Power Company's application at the Public Utility Commission of Texas to increase rates under its transmission cost recovery factor and distribution cost recovery factor –**

Jim Finley, City Attorney: Was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution. On March 16, 2016, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for approval to amend its Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF). SWEPCO also filed with the PUCT and the City an application to implement a Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF). The PUCT has exclusive jurisdiction over SWEPCO's application to amend its TCRF rates. The City has exclusive original jurisdiction over SWEPCO's DCRF rates within the City.

Both the TCRF and a DCRF are cost recovery mechanisms that allow SWEPCO the opportunity to recover, outside of the context of a full base rate case, its reasonable and necessary transmission and distribution related costs that are not already being recovered through its current rates.

Combined, SWEPCO's proposed change in rates would increase SWEPCO's revenue by about \$14.1 million. This increase in revenue would increase a residential customer's bill using 1,220 kWh per month by about \$3.24 over current base rates.

Mayor Mack: Are there two recovery fees in this contract that we need to look at further Mr. Finley?

Jim Finley, City Attorney: Yes, for the return you get for the investment of the fees it is well worth the time and effort to consolidate and we are working with the CARD group to consolidate that effort.

Mayor Mack: We have always maintained a good partnership with SWEPCO and I feel better knowing we are doing the right thing.

Council Member Moore: Is there an effective date stimulated in this rate increase?

Jim Finley, City Attorney: August 8, 2016. It is 145 days after the application is filed.

Council Member Moore: What happens if it is not settled until after August 8, 2016?

Jim Finley, City Attorney: The commission will set the rates and they will relay them back to whenever they made them effective.

The following Resolution was approved:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LONGVIEW TO INTERVENE IN SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS TO INCREASE RATES UNDER ITS TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY FACTOR AND DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR; TO DENY SWEPCO'S PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR; REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COALITION OF SIMILARLY SITUATED CITIES; AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION AND PARTICIPATION IN ALL RELATED PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING APPEALS, IF ANY; AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5054 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- J. Consider an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2015 - 2016 budget by allocating \$646,407 to account 059-308-000-5911 to establish a special revenue fund for the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Main Street programs –**

Shawn Hara, Media and Tourism Manager was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance. In order to more clearly account for the revenue and expenditures of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Main Street program, it is desired that a special revenue fund be established specifically for that purpose. The Convention and Visitors Bureau is funded by Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue. The Main Street program is funded in part by Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue and in part by general fund.

The following Ordinance was approved:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BY ALLOCATING HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$596,407 TO ACCOUNT 059-308-000-5911 FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CONVENTIONS AND VISTOR BUREAU AND BY ALLOCATING GENERAL FUND REVENUES RECEIVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO ACCOUNT 059-308-000-5911 FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CONVENTIONS AND VISTOR BUREAU; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERKS OF GREGG AND HARRISON COUNTIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Ordinance No. 4047 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- K. Consider approval of the following minutes: February 25, 2016, March 10, 2016 and March 24, 2016 – Shelly Ballenger, City Secretary.**

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Williams seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

VIII. Zoning – Public Hearing Items

A. A PUBLIC HEARING will be held to consider application #HL16-01 filed by the City of Longview requesting a Local Historic Landmark Designation for a structure known as the Longview Municipal Building - Central Fire Station located at 100 East Cotton Street –

Angela Choy, AICP, City Planner was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance. The City of Longview is requesting to designate the Longview Municipal Building/Central Fire Station as a Local Historic Landmark. This will be Longview's third local landmark if this designation is approved.

Longview was founded in 1870 and was incorporated in 1871. The earliest reference to a City Hall is found on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps dated October 1890. At that time Longview had a population of 3,000 people. The location of this City Hall was at the southeast corner of Methvin and Central now known as Center Street. The building was a two story frame building with a calaboose (jail) located at the rear of the property.

The 1906 Sanborn maps indicated that a City Hall and Fire Station were built on Tyler Street. The address of the building was 243 Tyler Street which was later changed to 112 Tyler Street. By this time, the population had doubled to 6,500 people. The new building was a two story brick building with a shingle roof with the Fire Station located on the first floor and City Hall located on the second floor.

The population of Longview was exploding and with that growth there was a need for a larger city hall and fire station. In 1935, voters approved issuance of bonds to construct a new City Hall and Fire Station along with two other Fire Stations. The location the City chose for the new City Hall and Fire Station was the previous site of the Magnolia Hotel located at the southeast corner of Cotton and Center Streets. The land was purchased for \$25,000 from the Dalston family. The City hired A.M. Campbell to construct the building at a cost of \$86,016.00 and it was completed in 1936.

The style of the structure has influences from neoclassical and neo-Mediterranean. The building is a one-story rectangular plan in the front along Cotton Street with a two story fire station in the rear. The front of the building is clad in fossilized limestone while the back of the building is brick with limestone trim. It has a gable roof with red Spanish tile and a front door of heavy aluminum.

The Longview Municipal Building/Central Fire Station is a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL).

Local Historic Landmarks must meet one or more of the criteria listed in section 26-105, Criteria for Designation of a Local Historic Landmark. The Longview Municipal Building and Central Fire Station meets several of these criteria. Due to its historical, economic, architectural, and cultural significance and that it is designated as a RTHL, staff recommends that this structure be designated a Local Historic Landmark.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Historic Preservation Commission (4-0), Planning and Zoning Commission (8-0), and Staff recommend **approval** of this request.

The public hearing was opened.

No one was present to speak on this item.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Williams made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE STRUCTURE KNOWN AS THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING - CENTRAL FIRE STATION LOCATED AT 100 EAST COTTON STREET AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 26 OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW ZONING ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 96 OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AS AMENDED); FINDING THAT THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING, THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING, AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE PASSED COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT;

PROVIDING THAT VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT AS VIOLATIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION A FINE OF UP TO \$2,000.00 PER VIOLATION; REPEALING OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance is No. 4048 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

B. A PUBLIC HEARING to consider an Ordinance terminating Reinvestment Zone Number One and directing the Longview Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors to dissolve said authority –

Michael Shirley, AICP, Director of Development Services was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance. The Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) has not been used to finance the construction of any project and it does not appear that the TIRZ will be used to finance the construction of any project in the foreseeable future. No bond or other indebtedness has been issued by, for, on behalf of, or through the TIRZ, and there are no outstanding project costs or other obligations of or associated with the TIRZ.

The public hearing was opened.

Council Member Williams: The money that is remaining how will that be allocated?

Michael Shirley, Director of Development Services: The portion that is from the County will be returned and the remainder balance will be returned back into the General Funds. Which I believe will be allocated for the small area's plan.

Council Member Williams: If we are going to dissolve the TIRZ what are your plans to replace it?

Michael Shirley, Director of Development Services: The Small Area Plan will help provide the vision for the area and there are several developers that are interested in investing. They want to make certain that the City is committed to reinvesting in that area.

Council Member Williams: I encourage that you and your staff prepare yourselves with revitalization tools that are available in the community and be well versed for when that time comes. Have something available to present to us after we get the Small Area Plan back.

Council Member Ishihara: We could create a new TIRZ with a new area, just much smaller, correct?

Michael Shirley, Director of Development Services: Correct it would not preclude us from creating a new one.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Williams made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, TERMINATING REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS; TERMINATING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, GREGG COUNTY, TEXAS, AND REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS; DIRECTING THE LONGVIEW REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO DISSOLVE SAID AUTHORITY; DIRECTING THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES REMAINING AFTER SAID TERMINATIONS AND DISSOLUTION AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID TERMINATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW AND OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION, FINALIZATION, AND EXECUTION OF ANY AND ALL SUCH DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO CARRY OUT THE

PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance is No. 4049 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

IX. Action Item

Consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 64 of the Code of Ordinances to allow alcohol at permitted events limited to certain parks –

Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance. The Parks and Recreation Department received a request from Keep Longview Beautiful and Longview Arboretum Committee to allow alcohol to be served at events at The Green and the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center.

Alcohol is prohibited from being possessed or consumed in a park. The city manager or his designee may grant permission for alcohol to be possessed or consumed at an event in a park in the central business location. The event is limited to certain times, requires security personnel be present and provide proof of general liability insurance.

The Parks Advisory Board considered and approved the request to add The Green and the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center to permissible parks for which alcohol may be served at permitted events.

Council Member Wright: What happens to someone who is not informed that they need a permit and are out there?

Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation: They get a citation because it is against city ordinances. We have signs at all parks prohibiting alcohol.

Council Member Allen: Is there a separation between beers, wine and distilled spirits?

Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation: There are none as far as our ordinances are concerned. That is designated through TABC and the permit they receive from them.

Mayor Mack: The City of Longview does not receive a fee for this because the money would go to TABC, correct?

Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation: Yes.

Mayor Mack: When you reserve the facility is it reserved exclusively or will other citizens be allowed to go The Green also?

Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation: Typically, that's what we do and it is exclusive when you lease one of the facilities, Pavilion, Maude Cobb etc....

Mayor Mack: I want to stress that this is for: Heritage Plaza, The Green and the Arboretum where kids don't play league sports.

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE II TO CHAPTER 64 OF THE LONGVIEW CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CERTAIN CITY PARKS AT PERMITTED EVENTS; DISPENSING WITH THE REQUIREMENT OF A CULPABLE MENTAL STATE FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING THAT VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT AS OTHER VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE II TO CHAPTER 64 OF THE LONGVIEW CITY CODE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION A FINE OF UP TO \$500.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS CONDUCTED IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Williams seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

Such Ordinance No. 4050 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

X. Items of Community Interest

Council Member Moore: I would like to offer congratulations to Pine Tree High School for recently competing in UIL competition events. The high school Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band brought back superior ratings and earned sweepstakes trophies and the Concert band received excellent ratings.

The chorale non-university received a 1st Division from all judges and the Pine Tree Express received a superior rating from all judges. Well done Pine Tree.

Council Member Snoddy: Chief Bishop I want you to know I look forward to the Women's Gun Safety Class because I will be participating.

I would like to challenge all churches in the City of Longview, regardless of your denomination and take something positive to put on our marquee for the world to see. For example: God Bless this City, We are praying for our City, CPR: Compassion, Pride and Respect, just something positive. Let's do that, so people will know that we are believers here in the City of Longview. I believe prayer is a solution that is why I am pushing it.

Council Member Williams: I just wanted to acknowledge Alpha Kappa Alpha for being here today and let them know how relevant they are in our community. Thank you for all that you do.

Council Member Ishihara: Recognized Arna Wells for participating in the First Responders event at J.L. Everhart and providing the posters that children made.

Council Member Allen: Wanted to acknowledge his grandson for coming to the council meeting.

Mayor Mack: Mentioned the Downtown Live event on Friday nights at Heritage Plaza.

Chautauqua Festival will be held April 16, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the library.

Early voting dates are Monday, April 25 – 29, 2016 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday, April 30, 2016, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. It will be conducted at City Hall.

Earlier it was mentioned that prayer was one solution to some of the problems we are facing in the area. I wanted to make a correction. Prayer is the solution.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Shelly Ballenger
City Secretary

